

REPORT OF THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL SECTION.

Five meetings have been held during the past year, at which communications were made by Prof's. Brinton, Allen, and Culin, and a special communication on "Primitive Transportation," by Prof. Otis T. Mason, of the National Museum, Washington, D. C. A committee was appointed to consider the question of obtaining space in the old museum hall for the collection of crania possessed by the Academy. Mr. John G. Rothermel was elected Treasurer, to succeed Dr. M. V. Ball, resigned. The death of Dr. Harrison Allen left vacant the Directorship, which office he has filled since the organization of the Section. At the December business meeting a quorum was not present, and the annual election could not be held, the officers of the Section being continued until the next meeting. The office of Director remains vacant.

CHARLES MORRIS,
Recorder.

REPORTS OF THE PROFESSORS.

ANGELO HEILPRIN, PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY, reports that the work in his department during the past year has been confined mainly to its educational aspect. The regular spring course of instruction was comprised in twenty-six lectures and eight field demonstrations, the attendance at which, while smaller than in the corresponding period of the year before, was sufficient to indicate a live interest in geology and an appreciation of the opportunities that were offered for practical study. As in previous years a large part of the classes was composed of school teachers. A special course of six lectures was delivered under the auspices of the Ludwick Institute in November and December, with the largest attendance yet secured in the Academy, the record showing an average of 163 for each lecture.

The condition of the collections in the department of geology remains unchanged. There is a deficiency of case-room, and immediate relief can hardly be looked for. Some rearrangement of the collections has been made under the direction of the Curators, both in the old and in the new museum buildings, but a large part of the specimens must still be placed in the drawers of the cases.

Additions to this department of the Academy's museum, and notably to the affiliated department of paleontology, have been re-